



**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

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**Commission Position Statement  
Substitute Senate Bill 5878  
March 18, 2005**

At the Washington State Gambling Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on March 10, 2005, the Commission voted unanimously to support Substitute Senate Bill 5878, which prohibits Internet gambling.

The Washington State Gambling Commission has long taken the position that Internet gambling is prohibited under state law. Substitute Senate Bill 5878 clarifies that stance by specifically including the Internet in the list of prohibited means for transmitting gambling information. In addition to providing the agency and the public a clear understanding of this public policy issue, the bill strengthens the state's position when negotiating tribal-state compacts.